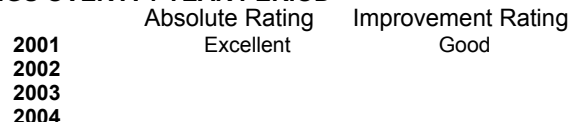


ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

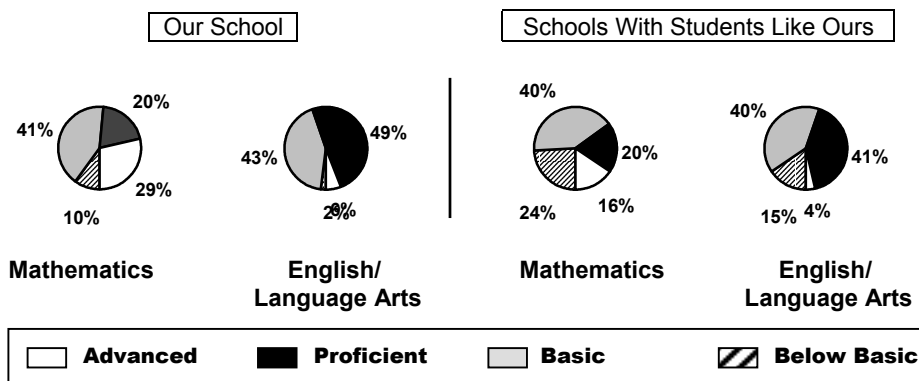
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 63.
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=101)	98	90.1	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=7)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=94)	97.9	92.6		
Gender				
Male (n=45)	100	88.9		
Female (n=56)	96.4	91.1		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=96)	97.9	90.6		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=30)	93.3	80		
Pay for lunch (n=71)	100	94.4		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,969	N/A	\$5,112	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.3%	Up from 87%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	N/A	20 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=277)				
• Attendance Rate	93.5%	Down from 96%	96.3%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	6.9%	N/A	3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3%	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98.4%	Up from 96.5%	95.2%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	6.8%	Up from 1.8%	2.3%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=17)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.1 Days	Up from 8.6	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.5%	Up from 93%	95.5%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	47.1%	Down from 55.6%	53.7%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	88.2%	Down from 94.4%	86.7%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	97.9%	Up from 97.6%	87.9%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,001	Up 4.1%	\$38,859	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	62.8%	N/A	65.8%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3.5	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	90.6%	N/A	98.8%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	33.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Down from 0.5%	0.8%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	14.4%	Down from 20%	19.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	16%	Up from 5.5%	7.6%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

West Pelzer Primary started the 2000-2001 school year with the theme: "Under Construction: Building Tomorrow's Future." Our building program promoted the theme and our students wrote about the construction progress throughout the year. Our nine-week themes included: "Blueprints for Good Character," "Foundations for Successful Readers and Writers," "Frameworks for Healthy Bodies," and "Digging Up Solutions."

Our annual barbecue, "Pawing for a Beary Historical Night," and spring lasagna dinner were held in conjunction with two service learning projects, "Paws for Bears" and collecting books for a Jasper County school. Other projects included: "Hop for Leukemia," "The Giving Tree," "St. Jude's Math-a-Thon," Shriner's Valentine Bags, Super Scientists, Book Buddies, Animal Shelter, and Helping Hands. We collected canned goods for the Anderson Interfaith Ministries and raised money for UNICEF.

West Pelzer Primary has two school business partners: Mount Vernon Mills and McDonalds. Mount Vernon Mills held its annual golf tournament with all proceeds going to the school. The school has benefited tremendously through the generosity of Mount Vernon. McDonalds contributes with recognition certificates and their Ronald McDonald program.

We were recipients of the Exemplary Writing Award. This program's criterion had a positive impact on the curriculum. Our teachers directed energy into professional growth with our book club-"BBQ and Hashe" (Bakers, Books, Quotes, and Mrs. Hashe.) Our students wrote in all areas of the curriculum and worked on the writing process. Parents wrote with us to achieve the goal of the school community writing together.

We had a very involved PTO Board (Mrs. Ann Cothran, President) and School Improvement Council(Mrs. Lisha Henderson, Chairman.) This year our focus was to continue to add to our classroom libraries. Our parent volunteers served food at our dinner functions, assisted students and teachers within the classrooms, and helped with our teacher appreciation luncheon.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	86.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	88.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	93.8	87.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

West Pelzer Primary
10 Stewart St.
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Grades K-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 277 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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